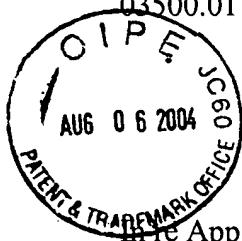


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent documents and counterpart abstracts, where available, also are enclosed.

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 93-80671, 59-58442, 55-43533, 60-131554, and 63-23175 are discussed at least at page 2, line 25 through page 4, line 18 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,562,129 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 59-58442.

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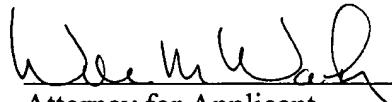
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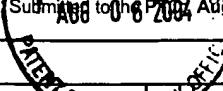
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